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In re Patent Application of:  
Katsuo Sugahara

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For: NICKEL-BASE ALLOYS

Examiner: K. A. McNelis

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated July 9, 2007, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows. A petition for a one-month extension of time accompanies this paper. Additionally, one sheet of a Replacement Drawing marked as "Prior Art" also accompanies this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.